

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claims 36-48 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because claims 36-48 depend from a multiple dependent claim 35. Claim 35 has been amended such that it is no longer a multiple dependent claim. Claims 22 and 24 have also been amended such that they are no longer multiple dependent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 57-64 have been allowed.

Claims 7-8 and 28-48 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 7 and intervening claims 2 and 4-6 have been incorporated into claim 1, so amended claim 1 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 7 (now canceled). Claims 2 and 4-6 have also been canceled.

Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claims 2, 4, and 5.

Claim 49 has been rewritten as a dependent claim that is dependent on claim 1, and is thus allowable therewith.

All remaining claims are properly dependent on a respective one of claims 1 or 28, and are thus allowable therewith.

Thus, the application should now be in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 28 into independent form solely to facilitate early allowance of the currently pending claims. However, Applicant believes that the other previously pending claims have patentable merit and this amendment is not intended to prejudice any subsequent filings.

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